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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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- 1. DELIGHTED WITH PROPOSED VISIT. I HASTEN, HOWEVER,
 TO POINT OUT THAT AUGUST 15, WHICH WOULD BE YOUR WORKING
 DAY IN ASUNCION, IS NATIONAL HOLIDAY (FEAST OF ASSUMPTION,
 FOUNDING OF ASUNCION AUGUST 15, 1537). WHILE THE GOP
 WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU, IT WOULD BE A WASTED DAY
 FOR YOU SPENT WATCHING PARADE, GOING TO TE DEUM, ETC.
- 2. IF YOU COULD COME ONE WEEK EARLIER OR LATER, YOUR SCHEDULE COULD BE CARRIED OUT EXACTLY AS PLANNED AND I COULD MEET YOU IN IGUAZU ON SATURDAY AND ARRANGE FOR VISITS TO HYDROELECTRIC PLANT AND FALLS ON BOTH SIDES.
- 3. IF YOU MUST CONFINE YOUR SCHEDULE TO THE PERIOD 8/11 TO 8/21, THEN I SUGGEST THAT YOU GO FROM BUENOS CONFIDENTIAL

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AIRES FIRST TO MONTEVIDEO. FROM THERE YOU COULD TAKE FLIGHT PU 703 ON TUESDAY TO ASUNCION ARRIVING AT 1215. WEATHER PERMITTING, I COULD ARRANGE FOR US IMMEDIATELY TO BE FLOWN TO ITAIPU TO VISIT THE DEMSITE AND THE FALLS, RETURNING THE SAME EVENING. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU FAR LESS TIME TO INSPECT THE DAMSITE THAN YOUR ORIGINAL SCHEDULE BUT IT WOULD BE BETTER THAN NOTHING.

THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE YOU 8/17 AS WORKING DAY IN ASUNCION. THURSDAY 8/18 YOU COULD TAKE BRANIFF 979 DEPARTING ASUNCION AT 1335, ARRIVING BUENOS AIRES AT 1610. THIS WOULD EASILY ALLOW YOU TO MAKE YOUR CONNECTION WITH LAN CHILE DEPARTING BUENOS AIRES AT 1830 FOR SANTIAGO. IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR ENTIRE SCHEDULE WOULD REMAIN EXACTLY AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL ONLY YOU WOULD GO TO URUGUAY FIRST AND CONTINUE FROMTHERE TO PARAGUAY.

4. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR WISHES. LANDAU

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